Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 07 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 08 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 06 Dec 2021 at 15:17 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday with conditions deteriorating and becoming hazardous later in the day. High for showery and windy conditions for Wednesday then a change to more settled conditions from Thursday. Low for timing of rain on Saturday.

Headline for Tuesday 07 Dec 2021: A bright start but becoming very windy with heavy snow and blizzards later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 07 Dec 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	10%	<05%	<05%	10%	60%	>95%	>95%

Forecast for Tuesday 07 Dec 2021

Weather: Wintry showers in the west dying out overnight with clear spells and widespread frost. A dry and bright morning but soon clouding over in the afternoon with bitterly cold winds strengthening. Snow will spread northeast during the late afternoon and evening, becoming heavy and persistent with blizzard and whiteout conditions developing.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% in the morning, decreasing through the afternoon with almost zero chance by evening.

Visibility: Excellent air clarity in the morning. Patchy cloud developing on the summits early afternoon then becoming extensive and bases lowering to 400 or 500m later. Whiteout or nil visibility even at modest elevations with heavy falling and blowing snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/42 W	32/42 W	20/26 SW	11/14 SE	35/45 SE	52/68 SE	56/75 SE	58/76 SE	50/66 E
900	27/33 SW	29/36 SW	18/22 SW	8/11 SE	29/38 SE	46/59 SE	52/68 SE	53/68 SE	44/57 E
600	17/25 SW	18/25 SW	12/16 SW	5/7 E	12/19 SE	27/39 SE	35/50 SE	37/52 E	29/42 E
300	8/20 SW	8/21 SW	5/12 S	3/5 SW	5/10 SE	10/25 E	14/35 E	20/44 E	18/40 E
Glen	4/18 SW	5/20 SW	4/15 SW	3/9 S	3/8 NE	4/20 E	6/23 E	5/25 E	6/28 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-16	-7/-17	-8/-16	-7/-13	-7/-18	-7/-19	-6/-19	-5/-18	-5/-16
900	-3/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-3/-8	-3/-12	-3/-14	-2/-13	-2/-13	-2/-11
600	-1/-7	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-5	-2/-7	-1/-8	-0/-9	-0/-9	0/-7
300	0/-3	-0/-4	-1/-4	-3/-5	-0/-3	1/-3	1/-4	1/-5	1/-4
Glen	1/-2	-0/-4	-1/-4	-3/-6	0/-2	2/-1	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2
Freezing Level*	300m	200m	100m	100m	100m	300m	400m	400m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A settled start to the day but conditions will rapidly deteriorate and become dangerous in the hills during the mid to late afternoon and evening. The mountain weather hazards reflect the severity of conditions late in the day.

Forecast for Wednesday 08 Dec 2021

Weather: Heavy and persistent sleet or snow, with rain on low eastern slopes, becoming showery overnight. A mostly cloudy day with frequent showers, falling as snow above 600m. Some fleeting brightness possible in the west.

Maximum wind: East or Northeast 35 to 45mph, gusts 65mph at first, decreasing to 25mph gusts 35mph in afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance on southwest.

Visibility: Often poor with areas of cloud above 600 or 700m. Whiteout conditions at times on the tops with blowing snow. Good on low slopes between showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3C rising to 6C.
At 800m: Minus 3C rising to 0C.
Freezing level: 700m rising to 900m.

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